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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

VERMONT MAN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL WEAPONS CHARGE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Colonel Frederick H. Booth of the New Hampshire State Police announced that Alton Gray, 26, of Concord, Vermont appeared in U.S. District Court Friday, May 20, 2005 and was sentenced to five months in prison and five months of home confinement after pleading guilty to a federal weapons charge.

GRAY was stopped by the New Hampshire State Police on March 5, 2004 for a motor vehicle violation. At the time of the stop, a loaded gun was found in the car. On April 7, 2004, a federal grand jury returned an indictment against GRAY charging him with being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm. GRAY had been previously convicted of attempted domestic assault, a misdemeanor, in Vermont in August of 2000. Individuals convicted of misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence are prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition under federal law. Gray pled guilty to the charge in October of last year.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, "This office continues its commitment to the aggressive prosecution of the federal firearms laws as mandated by the Department of Justice "Project Safe Neighborhoods" initiative. This office will continue to vigorously enforce the federal firearms laws as we implement Project Safe Neighborhoods in the District of New Hampshire."

The prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Helen White Fitzgibbon.